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Application No. 10/580,365) : Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date: May 23, 2006) :
For: FACSIMILE MACHINE, AND)
CONTROL METHOD, PROGRAM,) :
AND STORAGE MEDIUM) :
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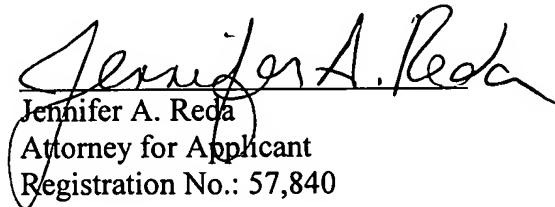
Sir:

Enclosed to complete the record and for the Examiner's convenience are a copy each of Form PCT/IB/326, Notification Concerning Transmittal of Copy of International Preliminary Report on Patentability; Form PCT/IB/373, International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty); and Form PCT/ISA/237, Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in the above-identified application.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/018336	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 December 2004 (02.12.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 05 December 2003 (05.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations

The subject matter of claim 1-10 is novel, since it is not disclosed in the prior art document cited in the international search report. In particular, [said reading means performs a reading operation of the original to be transmitting based on the instruction of said transmitting instruction means precedently than performance of a recording operation of the received image data by said recording means] is not disclosed in the document.